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“Fall Into GeoCaching Contest” Features State Park and Reservoir Clues and Prizes

Imagine a giant scavenger hunt that stretches from Lake Michigan to the Ohio River! A “Fall Into Geocaching” Contest begins on September 15 and runs through December 31, 2006. Geocaching enthusiasts can enjoy their favorite sport and explore some of Indiana’s state parks and reservoirs the same time. Prizes include a \$100 gift certificate to Indiana State Park Inns, four 2007 Annual Passes, 5 sets of 2-night camping reservations for 2007 (some restrictions apply) and 10 free daily admissions to be used at any Indiana State Park or Reservoir in 2007.

In the contest, geocachers are challenged to find a unique cache in at least 10 of the 22 participating properties. Cachers will find contest instructions, coordinates and clues on-line at www.geocaching.com. They must log in and search for the cache information by the name of an Indiana state park or reservoir included in the contest.

When the cache is physically located on site, the cacher signs a logbook and makes note of a word at the top of each logbook that tells each searcher something unique about that park or reservoir. The geocacher emails the word to the contest coordinator, whose contact information is found on the website. An information flier about the contest can be found at www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov.

Participants can look for caches anytime during the contest period; however, the first geocacher who finds ten of the 22 caches, reports to the contest coordinator and is verified as a winner will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate to Indiana State Park inns. Only one gift certificate will be awarded. All other prizes (annual passes, campnights, daily entrance admissions) will be awarded at the end of the contest in a drawing for participants who have located at least 10 of the 22 caches. One hundred free “Fall into Geocaching” t-shirts will be also be awarded in a drawing for anyone who participates and reports finding at least one cache.

Properties with contest caches include Brookville Lake, Brown County, Fort Harrison, Indiana Dunes, J. Edward Roush, McCormick’s Creek, Mississinewa Lake, Mounds, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Salamonie Lake, Shades, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, Turkey Run, Whitewater Memorial, Raccoon SRA(Cecil M. Harden Lake) and Mansfield Mill.

Most state park and reservoir property have several geocaches on site. These other caches are not included in this contest. To place your own cache for others to find, you must obtain a permit from the Property Manager. The number of caches that may be placed at each property is limited by acreage, usage and other factors. To read the DNR’s Geocaching Policy, visit the web at http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/publications/InfoBulletin46_Geocaching.pdf.